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- 6 1. Ohrdruf (J-15): German civilians are unable to enter the Ohrdruf restricted maneuver area. It is surrounded by a wire fence and stands in the middle of a wooded district where observation is difficult.

[redacted] the area contains approximately 60,000 troops, chiefly from armored, anti-tank, and artillery units. As the Ohrdruf camp was apparently quite fully occupied during July, new arrivals were being quartered in Naundorf, Herrenhof, Grafenhain, Hohenkirchen, and Georgenthal. These are included among the 60,000 mentioned above, and arrived [redacted] prior to 27 July 1948. 50X1-HUM

2. Luisenthal: A water main is being extended from Luisenthal into the restricted area around Ohrdruf. A truck was observed on the Luisenthal-Ohrdruf road on 30 July [redacted]

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3. Crawinkel (J-14): The restricted area of Crawinkel is the only area in the Ohrdruf maneuver region to which German civilians are admitted when there are no exercises taking place. Inside the barred area, there are two ammunition dumps [redacted] Dump "A" lies SSW of the crossroads formed by the Ohrdruf-Oberhof and the Luisenthal-Wölfis roads. The second

[redacted] established because of the density of the surrounding woods. Dump "B" is not fenced in, and consists partly of old Wehrmacht underground bunkers and partly of barracks. A quantity of unidentified ammunition was observed to be stored in the open.

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4. Southwest of the Ohrdruf-Crawinkel railway there is a tank firing range [redacted] SSE of the tank range and adjoining it, there is an artillery firing range [redacted]. Immediately beside the railway, German workers were building a bunker, presumably for ammunition, late in July. Its dimensions were 20 meters by 10 meters. Immediately southeast of, and adjoining the artillery range, was a small tent camp in a wood clearing. The tents, of which there were ten, were pitched on the edge of the wood and housed the guards and patrols. In the center of the wood clearing there were four guns.

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5. East of the Ohrdruf road there is a vehicle park [redacted]. The number of vehicles is not known. There were water carts, trucks, and cleaning and greasing platforms near the wood. There were also assault guns in the park, including five SU 249's and one SU 76. [redacted]
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6. North of the junction of the Ohrdruf-Oberhof and Luisenthal-Wölfis roads is a large barracks area [redacted]. Thirteen barracks are visible from the road, and more are under construction. The establishment is already part of the Ohrdruf maneuver complex. South of the Luisenthal-Wölfis road is another barracks area ("G" on sketch). Six barracks, dimensions 15 m. x 6 m., are situated near the road. This belongs to the Crawinkel district.

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8. The Crawinkel restricted area was quiet during late July. Few troops were on the streets, and there was no activity on the artillery ranges.

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